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REMARKS

This supplemental amendment, submitted by facsimile, corrects the errors noted by the Examiner in Applicant's amendment mailed August 5, 2004. As set forth above, Claims 1-7 and 17-21 have been cancelled.

Additionally, the Examiner noted informalities with respect to amendments to the specification. It was understood from the telephone interview of September 22, 2004 that the informalities regarding the amendments to the specification and claims related to the form in which deleted words were indicated. Specifically, it was understood that the informalities related to the fact that cancelled words were bracketed instead of being interlined. It is believed that the present amendment has corrected this informality. Regarding the amendment to the specification, correcting the section from page 29, which starts at line 7 and ends at line 21, the amendment provided above is intended to replace the corresponding amended section provided in Applicant's amendment of June 17, 2004, which did not follow the current format for such amendments.

Applicant has responded to the Examiner's objections as understood from the telephone interview. In the event, however, that the Examiner's oral instructions were not fully understood, or that the Examiner has noted other errors or informalities in the prior amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide a written explanation of the informalities so that Applicant can accurately and effectively respond to the objections. Alternatively, Applicant respectfully requests that any remaining informalities be corrected by examiner's amendment.

Should any additional fee be required, please charge that fee to Deposit Acct. 14-0116.

The Examiner is invited to phone Mr. James M. Cate, attorney for Applicant, 281-483-1001, if in his opinion such a phone call would serve to expedite the prosecution of subject patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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